

# **Ministers and Ministry Directors**

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# Welcome

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday! Our mission at First Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can."

Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:00AM-5:00PM—CLOSED FRIDAY Main Campus (office), 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 29577 ■ 843-448-7164 North Campus: Thomas N Brittain Center (TNBC), 905 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC 29572



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK!**

The First Church Flower Ministry is a wonderful outreach ministry first organized by the United Methodist Women. Flowers from Traditional Worship are designed into smaller arrangements and delivered to our members who are sick, or as an expression of sorrow, or in times of special happiness. Appreciation is expressed to those who contribute the worship flowers used in this ministry. This ministry would not be possible without the **faithful volunteers** whose talents are used in arranging flowers each week, usually on Monday or Tuesday, and also to Sanctuary those who deliver the completed arrangements. Anyone interested



in volunteering for this ministry may contact the **church office**, 843-448-7164.

## A Call for Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministries offers a proven way to organize, equip and supervise a team of congregation members to provide high-quality one-to-one crisis-centered care. As Christians, we are called to help and support one another. Classes will be starting in the fall. For more information, visit www.fumcmb.org or call Gerrie Watson at 843-424-9965 or Rev. Meredith at 843-448-7164.



Rev. Johnson New from AngelicHealth Hospice Care will be the guest speaker at the Caregivers Group meeting on Thursday, July 15th at 10:30AM in the Parlor. All are welcome to attend. Then on Sunday, July 18th at 9:45AM in the Chapel (during Sunday School hour), Rebecca Register, another Hospice representative, will speak with **adult** Sunday School classes. Both individuals will cover information about grief groups and taking care of the caretaker. Feel free to attend either or both sessions. Please visit their website, www.angelic.health.

# Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Reading gets us into God's word. Meditating gets God's word into us." ~ Mark Patterson, pastor

First Church Weekly Readings:*		Sunday School Classes	
Scripture r July 12 July 13 July 14 July 15	ch invites you to follow this weekly eading plan if you don't already have one. Psalm 94:1-11 Isaiah 1:10-18 Acts 2:36-42 Acts 9:26-31 Luke 10:1-12	Children's Classes 0-2 year-olds 3 and 4 year-old preschool Kindergarten/First Grade 2nd and 3rd Grades 4th and 5th Grades <u>Youth Classes</u> 6th - 12th Grades	Nursery Wesley 102 Wesley 205 Wesley 203 Wesley 204 Sonshine House
July 16 July 17 July 18	*Uniform Series International Lesson Series: Acts 2:36-42; 6:1-7; 9:26-31 "Inside Out"	Adult Classes Ark Brittain Fellowship Faith Foundations M.D. Moore* New Horizons New Ventures Open Doors* Open Fellowship*	The 925 Asbury 101 Asbury 203 Wesley 105 Asbury 201 Wesley 103 Wesley 104 Music Center 101

WORSHIP GUIDELINES: Join us for worship as your health permits. Mask and Distancing for those fully vaccinated are optional in all church buildings. Please be respectful of others.

# onthly Mission in Motion—JULY

## HELP4KIDS / BACKPACK BUDDIES

Children in need returning to school, ages Kindergarten thru 12th grade require new supplies.



NEEDS: Pens, Pencils, Canvas notebooks, Notebook paper,

Spiral notebooks (1&3 subject) Crayons, Highlighters, Colored pencils, Erasers, Blunt-nose scissors, Small Calculators, Pencil bags, Glue, Washable non-toxic markers, Bookbags/Backpacks.

# Condolences

The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Big Tom Brittain** and family on the death of his little brother, John "Jake" Clifford Brittain, 84, on July 1, 2021, in Indialantic, FL; to Lora and Jim Lewis and family on the death of her mother, **Nell Mauney**, 78, on July 2, 2021, in Myrtle Beach, SC; and to **Kenny Lidard** and family on the death of his sister-in-law, **Susan Lidard**, on July 3, 2021, in Baltimore MD.



Ladies Lunch & Devotion Wednesday, July 14th @ 11:30AM at Magnolia's, upstairs Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion

FAITH FAMILY FITNESS—Wednesday, July 14th, 6PM at North Campus. Dress for a workout (and the weather) then join us each week for heart, mind, and body workouts!





# REALM is coming!

Read more about it in future issues of *The Steeple*.

Graduating seniors and college students— let's meet TODAY, July 11th, at 6:00PM in the church parlor for pizza and dessert.

**RSVP** to Rev. Meredith at 864-597-9525 or mmdark@umcsc.org.





# **STILL NEED SELFIES!**

Please take a **selfie photo of yourself and/or your family** and email the picture(s) and all names to melinda@fumcmb.org so

we may update our membership database to add pictures. If you prefer, see Melinda in the Sanctuary after worship—most Sundays—to take your picture.



### Youth Summer schedule...

- July 11: 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus Rising 6th graders are welcome to join us in all summer activities.
- July 14: 11:30AM Youth Prayer Lunch Middle & High School at Grand Strand Mall Food Court
- July 14: 6:00PM Faith/Family/Fitness North Campus—Youth & Parents July 18: Youth Outing @ Myrtle Waves
- July 19-22: VBS @ North Campus



**VETERANS!** First Church wants to maintain a current list of our Veterans so that we may recognize your service on various occasions during the church year. If you have not recently provided your name and branch of service to the church, please email your information to Jennifer Julian, jennifer@fumcmb.org or call the church office, 843-448-7164.



Thank you to the Festive Brass for the beautiful patriotic music on July 4th!





### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 19-22, 2021 **BACK TO BASICS! Register at www.fumcmb.org**

VBS is held outdoors; tables inside will be provided for adults to escape the heat.



**OPEN REGISTRATION 2021-22 Kindergarten Enrollment** through July 30th **Register Online:** www.fumamb.org

or contact: Melody Gildner, 585-770-4183, mgildner@fumamb.org.

**VENMO** is an electronic giving option available for use with a cell phone. Open the camera icon on your cell phone and

hold it over the QR code (to the right). Tap on the link at the top of the screen to open the VENMO app then follow instructions to give electronically. Another option is to download the



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VENMO app on a cellular device and search @firstchurchmb to proceed with giving options.

# Financials and Attendance

### Gifts as of 7/4/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 26,731
Giving YTD:	\$ 743,234
Expenses YTD:	\$ 886,209
Difference YTD:	- \$ 142,975

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### **Presence 7/4/2021**

•	Worship:	333
•	Worship Facebook/Web:	638
•	All Social Media:	4,286
•	Sunday School:	89

First Church Thrift Store—Mondays: 9AM-1PM and Thursdays: 1-4PM—Shopping only; no donations. Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach SC 29578-1367

# Happening This Week

### SUNDAY, July 11, 2021 Nursery unavailable

8:30AM	Traditional Worship
	SANCTUARY   FACEBOOK LIVE
9:45AM	Sunday School—All Ages
11:00AM	Contemporary Worship
	WESLEY WÖRSHIP CTR   FACEBOOK
11:00AM	Traditional Worship
	SANCTUARY
5:15PM	Youth @ North Campus
	College Get-together
	PARLOR

### CHURCH OFFICE OPEN Mon-Thur 8:00AM—5:00PM

### MONDAY, July 12

9A-12PM Thrift Store Open 6:00PM Monday Night Worship NORTH CAMPUS

### TUESDAY, July 13

- 9:00AM Staff Meeting OFC-2nd FLOOR 4:30PM Tennessee Collier Circle OLIVE GARDEN
- 4:30PM Missions Meeting CHAPEL
- 5:30PM SPRC Meeting PARLOR

### WEDNESDAY, July 14

- 7:30AM Women's Prayer Group PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM Women's Lunch/Devo MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th
- 11:30AM Youth Lunch/Devo GS MALL FOOD COURT
  - 5:30PM Worship Meeting
- 6:00PM F3-Faith Family Fitness NORTH CAMPUS

### THURSDAY, July 15

10:00AM Caregivers Group CHAPEL 1-4PM Thrift Store Open

### FRIDAY, July 16

8:30AM Band Rehearsal WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER

# Coming Soon!

### July 19-22—VBS @ North Campus Aug 15—Blessing of the Backpacks Aug 15—Youth Kickoff

## WELCOME TO



In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to First United Methodist Church. We hope you feel the presence of God in our worship together.

#### **Our Invitation**

You are invited to begin your journey today by becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the First United Methodist Church family of faith.

#### Please tell us about yourselves.

(Please tear off and place in the offering plate.)
Date
Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Rev.
Name
Address
CityStateZip
Phone: Home/Cell
Work
Email
Age Group 1-19 20-35 35-49
50-65 <u>65</u> - up
☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ College ☐ Youth ☐ Child
Spouse's Name Children & Ages (living at home)
First time guest
New in community
Interests and opportunities to serve
How to become a Christian
<ul> <li>Knowing more about First Church</li> </ul>
Would like Pastor to call
Adult Ministry
Youth Ministry
Children's Ministry
Preschool/Kindergarten Ministry
Child Development Ministry
Music Ministry-Choir
Music Ministry-Hand Bells
United Methodist Women
Sunday School
Small Group Bible Study
Homebound Ministry
Prayer Ministry
Vacation Bible School
Thrift Store
How did you find us?
Friend TV Online

Other